Report should render him hourly to your ear, As truly as he moves,

*IMO** O, for such means ! Though peril to my modesty [2][5] not death on't, *I* would adventure.

Pis. Well then, here's the point:

You must forget to be a woman ; change Command into obedience ; fear, and niceness, (The handmaids of all women, or, more truly, Woman its pretty self,) into[3] a waggish courage ; Ready in gibes, quick-answered, saucy, and As quarrellous as the weasel[4]: nay, you must Forget that rarest treasure of your cheek. Exposing it (but, O, the harder heart! Alack no remedy[5]!) to the greedy touch

* THOUGH peril to my modesty J I read— Through peril.

*e I would for such means adventure *through* peril of modesty; **

I would risque eveiy thing but real dishonour. JOHNSON.

3 — to —] Old copies, unmetrically,—into. STEEVENS.

* As quarrellous as the WEASEL :] So, in King Henry IV. Part I. :

tc A *weasel* hath not such a deal of spleen " As you are toss'd with."

This character of the *weasel* is not warranted by naturalists. *Weasels,* however, were formerly kept in houses instead of cats, for the purpose of killing vermin. So, phaedrus, iv. i. 10 ; *Mustela,* quum annis et senecta debilis, *Mures* veloces non valeret adsequi. Again, lib. iv. 5. 3.

Quum victi *mures mustelarum exercitu— Fugcrent, &c.*

Our poet, therefore, while a boy, might have had frequent opportunities to ascertain their disposition. In Congreve's Love for Love, (the scene of which is in London,) old Foresight talks of having " met *VLtveasel."* It would now be difficult to find one at liberty throughout the whole county of Middlesex. " Frivola hsec fortassis cuipiam et nimis levia esse videantur, sed curiositas nihil recusat." *Vopiscus in Vita Aureliani,* c. x. STEEVENS. 5 Exposing it (but, O, the harder HEART !

Alack, no remedy !)] I think it very natural to reflect in this distress on the cruelty of Posthumus. Dr. Warburton proposes to read:

«‹,-----,the harder *hap* /"

JOHNSON.